GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department – Kolleru Wild life Sanctuary – Allegation of misappropriation of Govt. funds in Wildlife Division, Eluru, West Godavari District – COI findings received - Disciplinary action against Sri S Venkata Ramana,DFO(Retd) - Imposing a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (1) one year - Show-Cause-Notice issued - Explanation received – Final Orders –Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 4 Dated: 23-01-2017
Read the following:

1.From the Prl.CCF(WL) & CWLW, AP, Hyderabad, Lr. Rc. No. 16844/07/WL-1(MC) ACB, dt. 24.04.2007, 2.5.2007 and 3.5.2007.
2. From the PCCF, Lr. Ref. No. 18557/2007/P1, dt. 4.12.2012.
3. From the PCCF, Lr. ref. No. 18557/2007/K3, dt. 24.04.2014.
4. From the G.A.(SC.D) Dept., U.O. Note No. 213/Sc.D/A2/2009-14, dt. 03.07.2014.
5. G.M. No. 8899/For.IV/A1/2009, dt. 27.09.2014.
6. From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 18557/2007/Vig-3(i)&(ii), dt. 21.02.2015.
7. G.M. No. 8899/For.IV/A1/2009/sf.2, dt. 02.12.2015.
8. From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 18557/2007/Vig-3, dt. 16.02.2015.
9. G.M. No. 8899/For.IV/A1/2009, dt. 20.07.2016.
10. From Sri S.V. Ramana, DFO(Retd.), Explanation dt. 30.8.2016.
11. Govt., Lr. No. 8899/For.IV/A1/2009, dt. 31.8.2016.
12. From the APPSC, Lr. No. 662/DC&C/2/2016, dt. 26.12.2016.

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In the reference 2nd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that based on the material furnished by the ACB, an Article of Charge was issued to Sri S.Venkataramana, Divisional Forest Officer(Retd) vide reference G.O. Rt. No. 20, EFS&T (For.IV) Dept., dated.08.01.2010 communicated through PCCFs Ref.No.18557/2007/P1, dt.05.02.2010, on the following count:

Article-1: That the Government Servant submitted the bills prepared and produced by his subordinate staff without verifying their genuineness and in a hurried manner without signing on the bills and without obtaining the signature of the contractors on the bills.

Article-2: The Government servant in connivance with the other members of the department by his illegal acts have attempted to misappropriate huge amount of Government and thereby tried to cause pecuniary advantage for themselves and for the contractors.

Article-3: The Government servant failed to supervise the works of the other staff members of the forest department closely and thereby caused in grounding poor quality of work of construction of Boundary Pillars and Watch Towers.

Article-4: The Government Servant allowed the contractors to enter into agreements with the department for the execution of various civil works though the contractors are not equipped with technical persons and thereby allowed the contractors to execute the poor quality of civil works.

Article-5: That the Government Servant had attempted to draw lakhs of rupees from EDC programme account without executing the works and for not having control and supervision over the contract works when executed substandard works causing huge loss to the Government.

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 09.03.2010 and submitted the written statement of defense vide his Explanation, dt.5.10.2012. After examining the same, Govt. vide G.O.Rt.No.4711, GAD, dt.30.10.2013 have appointed Sri C. Sammi Reddy, as common Inquiry Officer for conducting regular inquiry along with other 4 charged officers.

3. In the enquiry report, it was held that the charge No. 1 to 4 against Sri S.V.Ramana, Divisional Forest Officer (Retd.) are proved and charge No. 5 as not proved.

4. The findings of Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer vide PCCF Ref.No. 18557/2007/Vig-3, dt.14.10.2014(FN). The Charged Officer submitted his further defense statement vide his letter dt.03.12.2013 and 09.04.2014.

5. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of AP Revised pension Rules, 1980.

6. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government have observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (1) one year against Sri S.V. Ramana, DFO(Retd.), the then DFO, Wild Life Management, Eluru, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 9th read above. The Charged Officer has agreed to the penalty proposed in the show cause notice vide reference 10th read above.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year against the retired Charged Officer Sri S.V. Ramana, DFO(Retd) under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Principal Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.662 /DC&C/2/2016, dt.26.12.2016).

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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER